Williams, ——

(from Henry Chapman, Jr.)

No envelope.

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with sparkling eyes, called to
sell me some coins... but alas
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[illegible]

Dear Friend [W]illiams.

I was sorry [not] to [have the pleasure of]
your seeing thee before sailing
but as thee no doubt knows I
have been ill for the past two
weeks. Feel quite myself to day.
I thought as you were one of the
Brotherhood of 1-B-? I would write
and tell thee what a funny thing
happened to-day - A young lady
about [2]0 years, about 5 ft 4 or 5 [illegible]
brunette with gleaming sparkling
eyes called to see me [about] some coins
and it happened about that she
sails on the same steamer thee
does - but alas she is married to
an Englishman, but she [said] she
hoped she would meet you and if
she did she would [illegible] [it] [illegible]

... such a person and opportun-
-ity offers don't be afraid to speak first.
She was awfully jolly and
if her friend is also, one might
help pass away the weary time.
She is a Philadelphian she said
and met this Englishman in Florida
& married him. I never thought
of asking her name and cannot
give you a clue even to it.
She is a bright bonny dresser &
will probably appear quite stunning
so don't look for a plain Friends
bonnet.
I wrote Spink to send around to Becks
for the box so thee can leave it there if thee
don't wish to call at Spinks personally
- it might interest thee if thee did; just
around the corner from Becks.
Now my dear fellow take
good care of thyself and ...
one wishes thee a happier time
... & a Bon Voyage ...

Henry Chapman Jr